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HAVING A DAMPING GUIDE TUBE, A CORRESPONDING
SYSTEM, A COMPUTER PROGRAM AND MEDIUM

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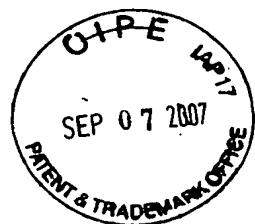
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S I R:

In response to the Office Action of March 2, 2007, kindly amend the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 11 of this paper.